

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CONFERENCE HOURS 9:30-12

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY

AND BY APPOINTMENT

Subject: Manzanar

April 6
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Miss Anne Margrave, Librarian
Inyo County
Independence, California

Dear Miss Margrave:

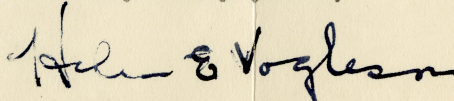
I can well understand the need to be very tactful with Public Relations persons who are planning for any services to the Manzanar group. I quite agree with you that the idea of block libraries would be very unsatisfactory, for the reason that it would require duplication of records and instructions; and a general, un-organized state of affairs would result. It seems to me that you should be able to sell him the County Library idea of the value of a centralized administration.

This morning we had a note from a young Japanese who was formerly a member of the County Library staff, and is now stationed somewhere in the Middle States. He speaks of using the library located in the ~~S~~ervice Club, and although he does not have much time to read, he considers having the library a very fine thing and hopes to make use of the books.

If the proper authorities agree to my transferring some of the Victory Campaign books to you, it is possible we should have as many as 1,500 from this source; and if it were agreeable, I believe our Board of Supervisors would consent to my adding 2,500--possibly more--that might be taken from our own shelves. By this I mean good books which have filled their local interest.

I am sorry that I am unable to locate any Japanese who has had training in librarianship. No doubt, there would be numerous persons among the Manzanar group who might be used as assistants. At the same time, I think you should hold very definitely to the idea that the whole service would need to be organized by a professionally trained librarian.

Very truly yours,



Helen E. Vogleson
County Librarian

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